

SOLICITATION NUMBER VA101-16-R-0175
RFI SUBMISSION LOG – GOVERNMENT RESPONSES
LEARNING CENTER
PROJECT NO. 549-15-520
Dallas VA Medical Center

Question No.	Reference (Sect/Para/Page)	QUESTION	GOVERNMENT RESPONSE
1		What ICRA level will we be required to operate under for the project?	<p>The ICRA levels will change as the project progresses.</p> <p>Open air Demolition Since most of the demolition/debris removal will take place while the construction site is opened to the environment, the ICRA level is usually not assigned a level. However, it is understood the perimeter of the existing buildings are to be sealed to avoid dust from migrating into the occupied areas. Also, it is understood dust control needs to be exercised where construction staff gains access to the construction site at the employee south entrance. During the demolition there will be several days of significant dust generated with the slab preparation. Dust control using wet/misting may be required. There will also be some dust generated and possible mold on sheet rock/carpet during the wall removal in a portion of the Learning Center surrounding walls. The contractor is encouraged to review the existing walls that are to either remain or to remain until the building is partially completed to review these walls for mold issues. Mold abatement must follow OSHA and VA guidelines. Mold abatement is less complicated with an open work site versus closed and associated with sharing the environment with an occupied site. Also, the lead painted steel structure is to be removed and staged properly to avoid lead to migrate to the atmosphere, building and grounds per the VA, EPA and OSHA specifications.</p> <p>Closed site construction During the time while sheet material/insulation</p>

			<p>is being installed, there may be times while moderate levels of dust will be generated. Also, the removal/modifying of the barrier walls surrounding the perimeter walls may generate dust. There also may be some areas not removed during the open work site conditions that contain mold. Proper mold abatement is required per OSHA and VA specifications. The ICRA level during construction in a closed environment will probably be at least a class II level.</p> <p>Substantially completed construction site After the dust generating processes are done, the ICRA will change to a lesser level. Generally at this stage of construction, an ICRA level is not required.</p> <p>The above ICRA levels may differ from the above stated at the point of declaration of the Infection Control Inspection. The Infection Control Inspector will review the site prior to construction and during the project construction period. The Infection Control Inspector will assign the actual ICRA levels.</p>
2		Are there any lightening protection requirements for the project?	Lightning protection requirements are included in specification section 26 41 00 (see Vol. 1). Delegated design.
3		If there are lightening protection requirements, what are they?	Lightning protection requirements are included in specification section 26 41 00 (see Vol .1) Delegated design.
4		Verify the water source location where the new fire sprinkler system shown on FP-1 will be connected into, the type of existing pipe that will be connected into (steel, brass, etc.), and the size of the existing pipe that will be connected into.	The source is from an existing fire sprinkler riser room located adjacent to Learning Center footprint. The size of pipe is 4" and the material is steel pipe. It will come out of the fire riser room into our new wall and go vertical in our new wall to get above the new high ceiling of the Learning Center. See included sketch SK-1.
5		Will the existing water pressure in the existing fire sprinkler pipe that will be connected into be sufficient for the new fire sprinkler system or will an	Assume the existing water pressure to be sufficient.

		auxiliary pump be required?	
6		Verify that there is no requirement under this solicitation to install new fire detection equipment and that the scope of fire protection work is for the installation of new fire sprinklers only as shown on drawing FP-1.	Work only required as shown on FP-1 and SK-1 from RFI #4 above.
7		The FBO web site has two sets of drawings. One is partially labeled "Combined_Set-P1_reduced file size." The other appears to be a smaller, duplicative set of the previous drawings and is partially labeled "Combined Set P2." Should we be strictly using "Combined_Set_P-1_reduced file size"? If not, what is the difference between the two sets of drawings?	The pdf files were compressed so that the total file size was small enough to email. No changes were made to the information in the IFC drawings.
8		In order to obtain fully accurate pricing on this very important project for our Veterans and the VA, is it possible to extend the due date for the proposal submission by 6 days to Wednesday August 31st?	The RFP due date has been extended to September 1 st 2016.
9		We have had very little time since the site visit last Wednesday (10 August) to review the project details with our proposed subs (and in some cases have not been able to nail down a proposed sub yet for key elements of required work). The RFIs are due today (16 August). This left us less than 4 full work days to develop RFIs. Would it be possible to allow another RFI submission date next week and per the previous item extend the proposal submission date to Wednesday August 31st?	The RFI due date has been extended to August 25 th 2016.
10		Verify that the only drawing that has changed from the original drawings package (which we believe is "Combined_Set-P1_reduced file size") is Drawing A-100 with the change dated July 6, 2016.	The pdf files were compressed so that the total file size was small enough to email. No changes were made to the information in the IFC drawings.

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